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Ducklings trapped in storm drain rescued by Baltimore County Fire

(WMAR) — One duckling, two ducklings, three ducklings, four!

A group of ducklings were stuck in a storm drain and Baltimore County Fire Department's Engine 54 came to the rescue. Crew members saved the baby ducks and relocated them to a new home.

LOOK AT HOW CUTE THEY ARE!



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Outer loop I-695 South to MD 144 Frederick Road ramp closed until 2020

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration announced the long-term closure of outer loop I-695 south to MD 144.

Transportation officials will close and detour the ramp for eight months as part of a reconstruction project funded to widen the ramp to meet the new alignment of the outer loop/southbound I-695.

Drivers traveling from the outer loop I-695 south to MD 144 will be detoured one mile south to the MD 372 Wilkens Avenue interchange. The detour will allow drivers to access the inner loop I-695 north back to the I-695/MD 144 interchange.

Officials are urging drivers to stay alert on the road and to be on the lookout for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes and highway workers.

MDOT SHA says the ramp is scheduled to re-open in April 2020 and the entire I-695 Southwest Outer Loop widening project is expected to be complete late fall 2021.

<https://www.wmar2news.com/news/local-news/outer-loop-i-695-south-to-md-144-frederick-road-ramp-closed-until-2020>

With \$125M from federal government, Maryland to seek more money from CSX, others for Howard Street Tunnel

When the Howard Street Tunnel opened in 1895, the 1.4-mile bore under downtown Baltimore was a modern marvel. Iron-arched and lined with bricks, it used electricity to light the tunnel and power the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad engines pulling passengers and freight through it.

The 124-year-old passage evolved into a critical link for East Coast commerce on what is now the CSX railroad, but it's about 18 inches too short for today's freight trains to carry truck-sized shipping containers stacked two high. For years, officials have wanted to fix the tunnel, a chokepoint for shipments between the Northeast and points west and south. Jim White, executive director of the Maryland Port Administration, considered the tunnel the port of Baltimore's Achilles' heel, limiting the port's container business. So when the federal government announced last week that it would pony up a \$125 million federal grant to help pay for a \$466 million project to expand the tunnel, White immediately began spreading the word to the major Asian shipping alliances about the project, which stands to make Baltimore a more attractive and cost-effective port.

"We'll be selling our future ability to compete with all the other major U.S. ports in double-stack," White said. "We'll go from not having good rail service here to having competitive rail service. Once we get the Howard Street Tunnel done, we'll have a tremendous package here to offer container lines."

One hitch remains to be resolved, and, of course, it's money. The federal grant is \$103 million less than the state had sought. Maryland has promised \$147 million for the work, and CSX, which owns the tunnel, committed \$91 million. Gov. Larry Hogan, who called the project Maryland's "most significant economic development accomplishment," is preparing to negotiate with the Jacksonville, Fla.-based railroad and other unnamed stakeholders in the coming weeks over how to cover the shortfall.

The Republican governor called the shortfall "minuscule, compared to the potential return on investment." The project would double the tunnel's freight capacity, remove trucks from highways and bring economic benefits valued at more than half a billion dollars to 25 Eastern states, he said.

Citing "sensitive negotiations," Hogan declined to say whether the state might contribute more money, but he promised to "push in all directions," seeking investments from those who stand to benefit from the project and the thousands of jobs it is expected to create.

CSX declined to discuss the negotiations but said in a statement that it "will continue our collaborative relationship with our state and federal partners as they evaluate" the project. Not two years ago, the railroad backed off an earlier \$135 million commitment to the project, saying it couldn't justify such investment. CSX came back to the table in December but with less money.

Originally, White said, the port administration was authorized only to match CSX's \$91 million contribution, but Hogan was willing to make a larger bid, signaling to railroad and federal officials Maryland's desire to move forward.

"We're going to find a way to make it happen," Hogan said. "The journey's not over yet."

The original cost estimate for the tunnel expansion was far higher — to the tune of billions. Rerouting the freight train traffic for years was expected to be an expensive, logistical nightmare. And the project's timeline was expected to be about five years.

But it became far more attainable when CSX's engineering department came up with a new, far less expensive strategy, called the Tunnel Enlargement System, using 20-foot supports and a machine inside the tunnel that allows trains to run underneath it continuously during the work, White said.

"Through the Tunnel Enlargement System, they felt they could get it done in three years or less, while running trains 24 hours a day," he said.

To create the needed clearance for taller trains, the tunnel's arched ceiling would be notched, its floor would be lowered and steel crossties, which lie lower than wooden ones, would be installed.

The long-sought tunnel expansion became even more critical for Maryland after the Panama Canal's expansion in 2016. The larger, deeper canal allowed a new generation of mammoth container ships carrying goods from Asia to more quickly reach the U.S. East Coast.

Since the expanded canal opened, the port of Baltimore has experienced double-digit growth in container volume. A record 1.02 million so-called 20-foot-equivalent-units — the standard measure because containers generally come in 20- or 40-foot sizes — crossed the docks at the port's piers last year.

The port of Baltimore has the advantages of deep berths, large cranes, the nation's fourth-largest local consumer base and convenient highway connections. Its position as the farthest-inland port on the East Coast is a mixed blessing, requiring ships to travel an extra 155 miles up the Chesapeake Bay and back, but lowering costs for inland shipments once they arrive. It has led in the country in shipments of cars, trucks, farm equipment and other four-wheeled cargo for years.

But the port's container business has long lagged well behind that of its East Coast competitors in New York and Norfolk, Va., partly because of the railroad bottleneck. Most of the containers imported in Baltimore are picked up from the port on trucks, and 90 percent of those containers stay within 150 miles.

Because of its heavy reliance on trucking, the spiking container volume led to such horrible congestion on the Seagirt docks that truckers picketed outside the terminal in subfreezing temperatures last winter to protest hourslong waits to pick up cargo.

Ports America Chesapeake has spent tens of millions in the past nine months to upgrade about 80 percent of its container-handling equipment in an effort to reduce those wait times to under an hour, White said.

The company, which did not respond to a request for comment, will implement an automated operating system in the next two months, dredge an additional 50-foot container ship berth and install another towering container crane at Seagirt by 2021, White said.

"We have a lot of things in motion right now that are going to lessen congestion on the docks," he said.

Increased capacity at the Howard Street Tunnel is expected to transfer some of the long-haul trucking business to rail, but truckers, too, could see an increase in cargo headed to distribution centers in Philadelphia and southern New Jersey if more shipping companies opt to make Baltimore one of their first East Coast ports of call.

"You get the lion's share of discretionary cargo if you're the first or second port of call," said White, referring to cargo headed beyond local markets that can be moved through any of several ports.

Members of Maryland's congressional delegation held joint phone calls with U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, most recently about a month ago, to emphasize the need for federal funding. Officials met with Chao on Thursday in Washington to make the grant award official.

"This creates unstoppable momentum for this project," said U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen, a Democrat. "We're going to be doing everything we can to close the [funding] gap as soon as possible. We cannot allow this opportunity to slip away. It's a major win for Baltimore, and we need to run with it."

The grant is one of the largest recent federal infrastructure investments and constitutes about 18 percent of the money doled out during this round of funding, said U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin, a Democrat.

Maryland now needs to "negotiate hard" with CSX and other stakeholders and look for other sources of federal money that can be used to help pay for the project, Cardin said. He called the railroad's \$91 million bid "a good starting offer," which, he said, "should have been higher."

"There are ample opportunities to make sure we have all the funding we need," he said. "This is doable."

The port's unionized dockworkers participated in the push for federal money, calling and writing letters to advocate for the project, said Scott Cowan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association Local 333.

"This will not only create jobs for longshoremen, it's going to create many other jobs for truckers and warehouse workers," he said. "It's not just about the longshoremen, it's about everybody else connected to the port as well."

John S. Connor, a century-old, Baltimore-based firm that handles international shipping logistics and regulations for Phillips Seafood and other clients, expects the tunnel expansion to make the port significantly more attractive for customers with shipments headed to and from the Midwest, vice president Butch Connor said.

The ability to double-stack containers on freight trains will be "an incredible advantage — finally — for the port," he said.

"It should be a big gain for us with the volume through port," Connor said. "You're doubling your volume. That's a pretty important option for us."

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-howard-street-tunnel-folo-20190731-3glweke2jfgybmbhetn3ubjhq-story.html>

Maryland retains top triple-A bond rating

Maryland's triple-A bond rating has been reaffirmed by the three major rating agencies.

Treasurer Nancy Kopp announced the ratings from Fitch, Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's in advance of an Aug. 14 sale of \$500 million in tax-free bonds.

"We are pleased that Maryland continues to be recognized as a triple-A state, a distinction that reflects Maryland's fiscal strength and longstanding commitment to prudent, proactive financial management," Kopp said in a statement. "The rating agencies recognize that Maryland's dynamic economy, highly educated workforce, and above-average wealth and income levels make it an outstanding investment."

Maryland is one of 13 states — along with Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia — to hold the coveted top rating from all three agencies.

The ratings by the three agencies signal to investors that the state is a stable investment and allows Maryland to pay lower interest rates on capital projects. State aid for school construction and renovation projects routinely makes up the bulk of state general obligation bond spending.

"The highest-quality rating reflects Maryland's strong financial management policies, ample liquidity levels, stable economy and high personal income levels, all of which offset the state's economic exposure to constrained federal spending, as well as the above-average debt and pension burdens stemming from the state's practice of issuing debt and absorbing certain pension costs on behalf of local governments," according to the report from Moody's Investors Services.

In general, all three agencies cited the state's above-average wealth.

"Wealth and income levels have consistently been strong, in our view, with 2018 per capita personal income of \$62,914 at a high 117 percent of the U.S. level for 2018," according to the report from Standard & Poor's.

But the agency cited concerns about the reliance on government employment at all levels — 18 percent of all nonfarm employment in the state when including federal, state, local and municipal government jobs.

Earlier this year, a federal shutdown resulted in 174,000 federal workers in the state losing hundreds of millions of dollars in salaries. The Office of the Comptroller estimated that the state would see \$57.5 million less in tax withholding and another \$2.1 million in estimated lower sales taxes.

Some of those estimates were offset when the shutdown ended and noncontract employees were guaranteed back pay. And while third quarter 2018 hiring in professional and business services was above 8 percent, the rating house warned that the trend isn't likely to last.

"Overall, we expect a gradual long-term decline in job growth. Given its proximity to the country's capital, the federal government is a major player in Maryland's economy with many local private-sector employers dependent on federal contracts," according to the Standard & Poor's report.

All three agencies warned that an economic downturn that results in budget deficits could lead to a downgrade.

Earlier this year economists warned the legislature that an economic downturn is inevitable as the United States enters the 121st consecutive month of economic expansion — the longest in history.

All three agencies also took note of an anticipated expansion in education recommended by the blue-ribbon Kirwan Commission. Those recommendations are expected to increase public school education spending by about \$4 billion annually, phased in over a decade.

The two-year Kirwan plan, sometimes referred to as "year zero," pumps an initial \$255 million into K-12 education this year and guarantees \$370 million in fiscal 2021. That figure could grow to \$500 million if lawmakers can identify additional money.

Lawmakers are also expected in the coming year to pass legislation providing permanent funding for the Kirwan program. That plan could include tax increases, though none have yet been identified.

Fitch, in its report, said it "anticipates the state will manage the increased spending demands in future years with commensurate revenue increases or offsetting expenditure reductions, consistent with its track record of responsible budget management."

<https://thedailyrecord.com/2019/07/30/maryland-retains-top-triple-a-bond-ratingting/>

Baltimore County leaders hold anti-crime walk in wake of uptick in violence

ESSEX, Md. —

Crime walks are common in Baltimore City, but Tuesday, Baltimore County leaders and police commanders held one. The crime walk took place in Essex, an area that's seen an uptick in violence.

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Baltimore County doesn't see the kind of violent crime numbers that parts of Baltimore City sees, but there was a double fatal shooting recently and people are rattled.

Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr. took county police Chief Melissa Hyatt and other county officials to Foxcroft Lane in Essex. Early Sunday morning, a triple shooting on the street left two men dead.

"Public safety is the most important job I have as county executive. We know there has been a spike in the opioid use, a lot of drug activity, but honestly a lot of the crime we are seeing are very targeted and largely they are domestic or not part of a broader issue," Olszewski said.

The double shooting is part of an uptick in gun violence on the east side of Baltimore County this year. There were nine shootings last year, 17 this year same period of time -- first six months.

What's driving it? People who work in the community cite familiar causes.

"Lack of jobs, lack of stability, probably some drugs. That's my take on it," Barbra Nock, of Streets of Hope, said.

"Whether it's the potholes, trash in alleys, vacant homes, things like that, by us managing some of the things in the environment that might contribute to crime, that they are supporting our public safety mission," said Baltimore County police Chief Melissa Hyatt.

Many people in the community have lived here since it was built in the 1960s. Their concern about violence has a familiar ring.

"It was so safe. We used to camp out in the backyards. Now, sometimes you afraid to sit on the front porch," resident Jody Tuszynski said.

One request residents made -- more police presence.

"I asked for a little more police presence especially after school, in the afternoons. Just more presence in the neighborhood. Help for students at risk and older folks who might need assistance," Tuszynski said.

Olszewski's response -- Baltimore County, like most police agencies, is hiring.

Baltimore County, unlike the city, does not make its crime statistics readily available on a regular basis. Olszewski said he is working to change that.

<https://www.wbaltv.com/article/leaders-hold-anti-crime-in-wake-in-uptick-of-violence-in-baltimore-county/28555962?src=app>

Baltimore County Leaders Hold Crime Walk In Essex Neighborhood Where Fatal Shooting Took Place

ESSEX, Md. (WJZ) — Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski led a crime walk with public safety and government services leaders through an Essex neighborhood that saw two men killed and one wounded on July 27.

On Saturday, July 27, a call of shots fired went out around 12:30 p.m. Baltimore County Police said that Cameron Stenhouse, 26, of Essex, and Christopher Vasquez, 34, of Parkville were killed. A third man was also wounded.

"They're working this case hard," Olszewski said. "I have every confidence we'll get an arrest in this case." Olszewski, public safety and government services leaders walked through the neighborhood where the shooting occurred and asked residents about their concerns.

"This is about trying to be more holistic in addressing stuff, so let us know. Road surfacing, all things the community's concerned about, that's why we're here," Olszewski said. "It's not just about solving the crime though. I have every confidence our police chief is going to get that done."

Olszewski said that the county will stand up to violence and is committed to more transparency in its crime-fighting efforts.

"We think there's a lot of value in bringing our government to the people we serve, whether it's about a shooting or homicide, which is the case here," Olszewski said. "Really, it's about being proactive in all that we do."

This walk is a first for Baltimore County, but there are plans to do the same in every part of the county.

<https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2019/07/30/baltimore-county-johnny-olszewski-crime-walk-essex/>

TRUMP FEUD | Balt. Co. Exec. notes complaints against local Kushner properties

BALTIMORE COUNTY, Md. (WBFF) - Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr., used President Trump's feud with U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings to note that Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner - and his senior adviser - was charged with dozens of code violations at the rental properties he owns in Baltimore County.

Olszewski told The Sun: "You're talking about a company that was using local taxpayer dollars to help subsidize these apartments, and they were frankly in conditions that as a father I wouldn't want to raise my daughter or my family in." He also said: "There's a certain irony in hearing the president attacking a city and region when his own son-in-law was directly involved and his company was directly involved in creating the conditions where that quality of life was threatened."

Baltimore County said in 2017 there were more than 200 code violations in apartments owned by the Kushner Cos., in the county.

Also, "from 2017 we have had 164 complaints resulting in 56 Correction Notices and Citations proposing \$13,200 in fines. 6 were Citations, approximately \$2000 in fine were levied," noted Olszewski's press secretary T.J. Smith in a statement today.

"They were all livability issues such as mold, insect infestations, mice, rats, window or door leaks, inadequate air conditioning or heat, etc.," he said. "On the HUD side we have 699 units passing and 200 units failing the annual inspection."

The properties in Baltimore County currently owned by Jared Kushner are: Commons at White Marsh; Cove Village in Essex; Essex Park; Fontana Village in Rosedale; Harbor Point Estates in Essex; Highland Village Townhomes in Halethorpe; Riverview Townhomes in Halethorpe; The Apartments at Bonnie Ridge in Pikesville; The Apartments at Cambridge Court in Rosedale; The Apartments at Canterbury in Rosedale; The Apartments at Owings Run in Owings Mills; The Apartments at Saddle Brooke in Cockeysville; Whispering Woods in Middle River.

In 2017, former Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz said: "Repairs were made only after the County threatened to withhold rent or issue fines. And in nine instances, we had to carry through with threatened sanctions. We expect all landlords to comply with the code requirements that protect the health and safety of their tenants, even if the landlord's father-in-law is President of the United States."

<https://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/trump-feud-balt-co-exec-notes-complaints-against-local-kushner-properties>

Gov. Hogan, Balt. County Exec. Johnny Olszewski respond to Pres. Trump's tweets

BALTIMORE (WBFF) - Gov. Larry Hogan and Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr., responded to President Trump's comments regarding Baltimore and U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, joining other local leaders who have spoken out.

Hogan said: "People are completely fed up with this nonsense. We have to get people in Washington to stop the angry, divisive politics and get focused on solving the problems not just of Baltimore, but all of our urban areas."

He spoke on WBAL radio this morning regarding Trump's tweets, which began Saturday.

"What we care about is the city of Baltimore and fixing the problems," said Hogan, noting it's "home to very strong and resilient people who we all care about. Instead of being consumed with divisiveness, Washington ought to focus on getting things done as we're trying to do here in the state and the city."

Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr., used the hashtag #WeAreBaltimore and used the incident to point out the fact that Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner was accused of more than 200 code violations at the more than 700 rental units he owns in the Baltimore area.

Howard County Executive Calvin Ball tweeted a photo of him with Cummings, and said Cummings' district is "a unique and diverse area that spans Howard County, Baltimore County and Baltimore City... No community, including ours, in our country is without its challenges.

He said Trump's tweets do not "represent who we are as a community of civil discourse" and also defended Cummings as someone he is "honored to have [as] a fearless partner who works tirelessly for our residents.

<https://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/gov-hogan-balt-county-exec-johnny-olszewski-respond-to-pres-trumps-tweets>

Kushner owns lots of Baltimore-area apartments. Some are infested with mice.

In a now-viral tweetstorm on Saturday, President Trump characterized Rep. Elijah E. Cummings's Baltimore-based congressional district as a "rodent infested mess" where "no human" would want to live.

His criticism rang with a particular irony in Baltimore County, where presidential son-in-law Jared Kushner owns more than a dozen apartment complexes that have been cited for hundreds of code violations and, critics say, provide substandard housing to lower-income tenants.

In an interview Saturday, Baltimore County Executive John A. Olszewski Jr. condemned Trump's comments as "an attack on basic decency."

"It is certainly ironic that the president's own son-in-law was complicit in contributing to some of the neglect that the president purports to be so concerned about," Olszewski (D) added.

Kushner Cos., which started operating in Maryland in 2013, has owned almost 9,000 rental units across 17 complexes, many of them in Baltimore County, the Baltimore Sun reported earlier this year.

The properties generate at least \$90 million in annual revenue. Kushner stepped down as chief executive of the company in 2017, when he became a senior White House adviser.

A company representative did not address questions Sunday about whether the group agreed with Trump's characterization of the area, but wrote: "Kushner Companies is proud to own thousands of apartments in the Baltimore area."

In 2017, Baltimore County officials revealed that apartments owned by the Kushner firm were responsible for more than 200 code violations, all accrued in the span of the calendar year. Repairs were made only after the county threatened fines, local officials said, and even after warnings, violations on nine properties were not addressed, resulting in monetary sanctions.

In an investigation by the New York Times and Pro Publica published earlier that year, tenants of Kushner properties reported mouse infestations, mold problems and maggots. A private investigator who looked into Kushner's property management company, Westminster Management, described the managers as "slumlords."

Christine Taylor, a spokeswoman for the Kushner firm, asserted at the time that the group was in compliance with all state and local laws. Then-Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz said that was "a stretch of truth."

"We expect all landlords to comply with the code requirements that protect the health and safety of their tenants, even if the landlord's father-in-law is president of the United States," added Kamenetz, who died in 2018.

Shannon Darrow, a program manager at the tenant advocacy group Fair Housing Action Center of Maryland, said Sunday that she was "appalled" by Trump's comments about Cummings's district, which includes about half of Baltimore City, and most of the majority-black sections of Baltimore County. She added that she found Trump's attacks ironic given the legacy of Kushner's properties in the district.

"Basically, [Kushner] has been creating a race to the bottom in terms of poorly maintained properties," she said. "He's been very, very deeply implicated."

In the past two years, the Kushner firm and its affiliated entities have been sued multiple times by Baltimore-area residents who allege that the company has charged them excessive fees and used the threat of eviction to pressure them into paying.

From 2013 to 2017, corporate entities associated with Kushner apartments requested the civil arrest of 105 former tenants — the highest number among all property managers in Maryland during that period, the Sun reported.

"It's been our recent experience that working families have been preyed on at the benefit of Mr. Kushner and his company," Olszewski said.

A group of tenants recently attempted to file a class-action lawsuit alleging unlawful rental practices by the company. Their request was denied by a Baltimore Circuit Court judge.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local-md-politics/jared-kushner-owns-lots-of-apartments-in-the-baltimore-area-some-infested-with-mice/2019/07/28/0d3cb754-b13b-11e9-8f6c-7828e68cb15f_story.html?utm_term=.eb1305280904

Man found dead in Towson; police treating incident as homicide

TOWSON, Md. — Baltimore County Police are investigating a possible homicide in Towson.

Officers were called to the 8400 block of Loch Raven Boulevard at about 3:31 a.m. Wednesday, where they found the body of an unidentified man. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said the man looked like he had suffered trauma to his upper body. The body is being taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore to determine his identity and cause of death.

Police are currently investigating the incident as a homicide.

<https://www.wmar2news.com/news/crime-checker/baltimore-county-crime/man-found-dead-in-towson-police-treating-incident-as-homicide>

Baltimore Democrats watch Democratic debate Wednesday night

BALTIMORE — A group of people gathered in Hunt Valley on Tuesday night for first night of the second Democratic Presidential Debate. Eyes were glued to TVs as 10 candidates took the stage.

Vanessa Carrington, with the North Baltimore County Democratic Club, wasn't surprised by the first two topics that took up most of the first hour, healthcare and immigration. Wrapping up the first hour was a discussion of gun violence, focusing on mass shootings.

Baltimore wasn't discussed. Carrington and others watching the debate hoped it would be discussed since Baltimore has been making national headlines after President Trump made negative comments about the city and Representative Elijah Cummings.

"Baltimore gets a bad reputation. Elijah Cummings gets a bad reputation, but he's not in charge of the city," said Carrington. "Democrats need to stand behind him."

Later in the debate, it was briefly mentioned, but there was never a discussion about the city or the president's actions.

"Obviously Baltimore has huge challenges and huge problems to solve but the solution isn't to trash the city and call it rat infested. The solution is to call for new ideas, new leadership and to make a positive approach," said Henry Callegary, the President of Baltimore County Young Democrats.

His focus is on the impact this election will have on the younger generation.

Callegary wants to see all cities fixed. With a year left until the election, he's excited to hear from all the candidates.

"It gives people a chance to make up their mind," said Callegary. "I'm still undecided, and it's exciting to have candidates."

<https://www.wmar2news.com/news/region/baltimore-county/baltimore-democrats-watch-democratic-debate-wednesday-night>

11 TV Hill: Changing face of public safety in Baltimore County

BALTIMORE —

There's a changing face of public safety in Baltimore County. They have much in common, including family members who have been first responders, long careers in law enforcement and fire service, working their way up the ranks into leadership roles and now both being named chief of their respective agencies under County Executive Johnny Olszewski. And, yes, they are both women -- a first for the county: Baltimore County Police Chief Melissa Hyatt and Baltimore County Fire Chief Joanne Rund.

<https://www.wbaltv.com/article/11-tv-hill-changing-face-of-public-safety-in-baltimore-county/28506313>

Baltimore County Seeks New Teachers at Upcoming Job Fair

BALTIMORE (WJZ) — Baltimore County Public Schools will host a Job Fair for qualified professionals interested in joining the BCPS Team

The school system is looking for mathematics, science, and technology teachers as well as school nurses. Some benefits of the profession include health insurance, dental and vision plans, retirements plans, and paid leave.

The event will be held on Thurs. August 8, from 4-6pm located at BCPS headquarters/Greenwood at 6901 N. Charles St., Building E, Room 123, 21204

Interested applicants are to apply online and select BCPS Job Fair August 8, 2019 as the reference on their applications. Applications can be [found here](#).

<https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2019/07/31/baltimore-county-seeks-new-teachers-at-upcoming-job-fair/>

Payroll and human resources company ADP to close Owings Mills office

ADP Inc., a company that provides payroll and other human resources software, will close its Baltimore County office in September, affecting 123 employees, according to a filing on the [Maryland Department of Labor's website](#).

The company, which is headquartered in New Jersey, has been in the office on Red Run Boulevard in Owings Mills since 1998.

ADP, which stands for Automatic Data Processing, ranked 239th on the [Fortune 500 list](#) for 2018. It brought in \$13 billion in revenue during that fiscal year, and had 57,000 employees.

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-adp-owings-mills-closing-20190731-tgxevkcilremvdv6cm57yrdoau-story.html>

Trump 'rodent' tweets ring true at Kushner-owned Baltimore apartments

Davon Jones doesn't have to look far to see the irony in President Donald Trump's tweets that Baltimore is a "[rat and rodent infested mess](#)." His apartment owned by the president's son-in-law has been invaded by mice since he moved in a year ago.

"I don't know how they come in," Jones says. "Every time I catch them, they come right back."

Jared Kushner's family real estate firm [owns thousands of apartments and townhomes in the Baltimore area](#), and some have been criticized for the same kind of disrepair and neglect that the president has accused local leaders of failing to address. Residents have complained about mold, bedbugs, leaks and, yes, mice — plenty of mice. And they say management appears in no hurry to fix the problems.

[Related: Could Kushner family's bigger stake in Maryland rentals expose more area residents to aggressive debt collection? »](#)

"They don't care," says Desmond James, who says he has spotted as many as three mice a week since he moved in to the Commons at White Marsh in suburban Middle River four years ago.

James says he sees a massive contradiction in Trump's much-publicized [tweets](#) laying the blame for Baltimore's poverty, crime and rodent problems on frequent antagonist Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings. Trump, he said, should look more at what he — and specifically Kushner — could do about it.

"His son-in-law owns all of this — then he can fix it. I'm pretty sure he has a lot of money," says James, who is studying to be a medical assistant. "That's kind of weird that you want to talk trash. ... If you want to make improvements, you can make improvements."

Conditions got so bad two years ago that the Baltimore County government issued a release showing the Kushner Cos. had violated housing codes more than 200 times in just 10 months and only moved to fix the problems after being threatened with fines.

Latest: Baltimore County Executive notes 'irony' in Trump's criticism, calling out code violations at Kushner properties »
"I had black mold in my cabinets. I called them, I called them, I called them. And they never did anything," says Simone Ryer who moved out Whispering Woods in Middle River two years ago. "That was more than enough for me to leave." In a statement, the Kushner Cos. said it was proud of its Baltimore-area apartments and has worked to maintain a "high quality residential experience for our tenants" by investing "substantial amounts" in upkeep.

A website for the Commons at White Marsh boasts of "amenities that amaze," but many of the 181 comments posted by residents at the review site apartmentratings.com complain of rats, mold, bedbugs, roaches and leaks. The reviews say management is generally unresponsive.

A 2017 report by the New York Times and ProPublica about residents at Kushner-owned developments echoed many of those online complaints, with one woman saying she found a mouse on her 12-year-old child's bed. The Kushner Cos. told the Times at the time that it had spent \$10 million on its properties, but their age means issues can still arise. A Baltimore Sun story the same year found the Kushner Cos. used the courts to arrest tenants late on rent more than any other landlord in the state.

And a lawsuit seeking class-action status for residents alleges Westminster Management, the Kushner subsidiary that oversees rental properties in Maryland and other states, often charges tenants illegal and excessive fees that keeps them in constant fear of eviction and guessing what they owe. Westminster has said it has broken no laws and denies the charges.

Jared Kushner took in \$3.1 million from Westminster in the past two years, according to financial disclosure reports he filed with the federal government. He stepped down as CEO of parent company Kushner Cos. when he and his wife, Ivanka Trump, joined the White House as senior advisers to the president, but he still retains a financial interest and draws money from many of its operations.

At the Kushners' Dutch Village community in Baltimore, Ronald Newson says his 86-year-old mother, Carrie, has been asking maintenance staff for nearly a year to patch a hole in her ceiling from a leak on the second floor, and that someone has to come to kill all the mice she's been living with.

As a stopgap measure, she jammed the leg of a chair against a hole in the corner of her living room, but they kept coming out anyway. They also come from behind her stove.

"It takes them a long time to get repairs done," the son said. He suggested that Trump, instead of blaming Cummings for the city's problems, should look to landlords like Kushner, too.

"He talks about everyone but his son-in-law."

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-trump-kushner-baltimore-apartments-20190731-b7djej264nc67fdyp2zphhjnna-story.html>

Should the Baltimore water system be overseen by a regional authority?

Some members of the Baltimore County Council say it's time to rethink management of the water system that serves Baltimore and surrounding counties.

The council is considering a resolution supporting the creation of a regional authority to handle the area's water and sewer needs. The measure doesn't spell out details, but urges the county administration — along with city, state, and other officials — to investigate the idea.

The Baltimore Department of Public Works manages the water system, which provides drinking water to 1.8 million people in the region, including about 235,000 county household and businesses. The system's three reservoirs are owned and operated by the city, but located in Baltimore County. The city handles water billing, but the county handles sewer billing for its residents. Each jurisdiction charges its own rates, which are rising in both places, vexing many residents.

Water has been a politically touchy issue between the city and the county. County Council members have complained about communication problems during water main breaks in the county. County officials have also been frustrated with long-running problems with the city's water billing system. And the two governments have argued over roughly \$23 million the city says the county owes for water.

The resolution cites recent water main breaks and says the county's "public water infrastructure may be approaching the end of its useful life."

"There are so many problems with it, and I just think we need to scrap the current system," said Councilman Wade Kach of Cockeysville, who sponsored the resolution with fellow Republican Councilmen David Marks of Perry Hall and Todd Crandell of Dundalk.

Baltimore water customers will receive reminders in the mail that their bills will be larger than usual »

Creating a regional water and sewer authority would take years of planning and require action by the state's General Assembly, Kach said.

The idea isn't new. The late Kevin Kamenetz introduced a nearly identical resolution in 2010 when he was a county councilman. The council approved it unanimously, but the idea never gained traction. Kamenetz, a Democrat who was elected county executive later that year, said at the time that a regional approach "would allow Baltimore County to fully participate in decisions related to its water."

The issue is thorny because the city owns the water system's infrastructure and built the dams that created Loch Raven, Prettyboy and Liberty reservoirs and the treatment plants that produce up to 360 million gallons of water a day. But the water comes from watersheds that extend across northern Baltimore County and into Carroll County. The system was built for the city when the city had more residents than the county, but that's now reversed.

Council members are scheduled to discuss the current resolution Tuesday, with a vote set for Aug. 5.

But the proposal hasn't been on the radar of many city officials. Several City Council members said they hadn't heard about it. A spokeswoman for City Council President Brandon Scott said his office was not familiar with the proposal and has been focused on pending city legislation aimed at water affordability.

City Department of Public Works officials had no comment on the proposal. And Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young's office didn't respond to a request for comment.

Last month, Young and County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr., both Democrats, announced that the city and county would undertake a joint review of the water and sewer systems. Their current agreements governing the systems date to the 1970s.

The review is expected to begin in the fall, Olszewski spokesman T.J. Smith said.

The advocacy group Food & Water Watch said it has concerns with the idea of a regional authority. Mary Grant, director of the organization's Public Water For All campaign, said she worries that turning power over to political appointees who are not elected could reduce democratic oversight of the system.

Grant pointed to the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority in the Detroit area, which Food & Water Watch criticized as a move that "corporatizes the system by putting appointed, unelected officials fully in charge of the big decisions that determine the cost and quality of service."

The group is advocating for the Water Accountability and Equity Act being considered by the City Council. The legislation would create a program meant to ensure low-income households can afford their water bills. It also would create a customer advocacy and appeals office to resolve billing disputes.

"There are proposals being worked on right now to address some of the problems that DPW has," Grant said. "I would worry that proposals to regionalize [the water system] may undermine ongoing efforts to improve the accountability and equity of the system."

New study urges Baltimore to act against rising water rates that disproportionately affect African Americans »

Some say the County Council resolution urging a regional water authority is premature given the broader review.

Smith said Olszewski "is open to the idea, but doesn't want to get ahead of the work that we are currently doing with the review."

"It is a conversation that involves a number of logistics to move forward with such a process," he said in an email to The Baltimore Sun.

County Council Chairman Tom Quirk, an Oella Democrat, said he understands the sentiment of the measure, but he questioned whether it is needed right now.

"I don't know if it's necessary since there is a broader study," he said.

Another council Democrat, though, said he supports the resolution and will be adding his name as a co-sponsor.

Councilman Izzy Patoka, of Pikesville, said he wants the county to explore a structure similar to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, which serves Montgomery and Prince George's County.

That commission's leadership includes a general manager, inspector general, corporate secretary and six commissioners. Each county has three commissioners, who are appointed to four-year terms by the county executives.

Patoka said a regional authority could focus solely on water and sewer matters, while DPW must deal with a myriad of issues.

"I think that it's a model that we should at least examine to see if it would work for this area," Patoka said.

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Guinness marks one year in Baltimore County with beer releases, expansion plans

Saturday will mark one year since the Guinness Open Gate Brewery & Barrel House opened to the public in Baltimore County.

To Ryan Wagner, it sometimes seems like it's been open 10 times as long.

That's not a criticism — just a reflection of how much has happened at the brewery in the past 12 months.

Since its official launch, the first Guinness brewery on American soil in more than 60 years has produced 80 unique brews and seen more than 400,000 visitors pass through its doors — cruising past a 300,000-visitor goal the Irish brand set for the facility's first year in operation.

As Guinness prepares for a weekend of celebrations, Wagner, the brewery's ambassador, hopes to see several thousand more visitors boost the count. First-birthday events include a sold-out beer dinner on Wednesday, a beer release Thursday, cornhole tournament on Friday and a birthday party and concert Saturday.

There are also big plans for Guinness' second year inside a rehabbed former distillery at 5001 Washington Blvd. in Relay. In the months to come, the \$90 million facility will add a new beer to the canning line for mass distribution and expand its experimental brewhouse to make room for more barrel-aged offerings.

Guinness' milk stout — one of the first experimental beers to be produced at the brewery — will hit store shelves in regional and select national markets next month, according to Head Brewer Hollie Stephenson. The Baltimore-born recipe, to be renamed Over the Moon Milk Stout, is only the second beer to be mass produced on the brewery's 100-hectoliter equipment. (Guinness Blonde, an American lager, was the first.)

Wagner said more could follow.

"What we do know is that we do have a lot of eager people coming in here to help us test [the] market, to give us information that will help us decide what that next beer should be," he said.

The brewery will be poised to offer an even wider variety of beers with a planned expansion of its 10-barrel pilot brewery. Stephenson said adding a few new tanks to the mix will help to build Guinness' barrel-aging program and allow the facility to brew beer every day of the week, rather than the two to three days of brewing that are possible now.

When you put beer into a barrel to age, "you might not see it for a year, so that's lost capacity for a year," she said.

"Having these extra tanks will allow us to stash beer away and not miss it on the taps."

Stephenson and her team will roll out a couple of barrel-aged beers for the brewery's birthday.

The First Anniversary Barrel-Aged Grand Cru, a blend of imperial stout aged in bourbon barrels and Belgian-style Golden Ale aged in rum barrels that is traditionally brewed to mark special occasions, will be among Thursday's beer releases, as will a wine barrel-aged saison. Also on tap for the weekend: the Crosslands pale ale and Crosslands honey ale, both crowd favorites, as well as a Belgian-style apricot pale ale that was in the first keg kicked at the brewery's grand opening a year ago.

While Guinness' classic stout and the Baltimore County-produced Blonde are still the taproom's bestsellers, Stephenson said she's noticed more and more visitors come to the brewery open to trying new flavors, as well. Experimental "innovation beers" make up about half of taproom sales.

"There was noticeable change... of people coming in and being really skeptical and only ordering draught or ordering draught 50% of the time, to now — you don't see people questioning it anymore," she said. "People are just coming in excited and ready to try new things."

That's a big part of the Baltimore County brewery's mission.

"Early on when we would make a berry beer and someone would say wow, how'd you make that a stout? And we're like, we make more than stout," Wagner recalls.

Now, "people are absolutely ready for a pick-your-own adventure when it comes to Guinness," he said.

Saturday's festivities will be free and include a concert from country artist Frankie Ballard as well as beer-themed cupcakes from Charm City Cakes and a birthday cake inspired by vintage Guinness advertisements. Guests who use Lyft to get to the brewery will receive a \$10 voucher for the ridesharing app to pay for part of their ride home.

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From: T.J. Smith
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 8:47 AM
To: John Olszewski; Patrick Murray; Drew Vetter
Subject: Talkers- Updated with some Bonnie Ridge Stuff and related properties

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We work, as a region, to improve the quality of life for the residence of not only Baltimore County, but Baltimore City, too.

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Over 250 units went without gas for several days back in March/April.

Our Health and Human Resource teams were deployed to the area to help the families who were without heat, gas, water, etc...

The residents were upset with the extended delays in rectifying this situation.

Kushner related properties in Baltimore County total at least 14.

Westminster Group

Highland Village

3953 McDowell Lane, 21227

1,098 units

Riverview Townhomes

600 Fifth Ave,21227

330 units

Carriage Hill

3456 Carriage Hill Circle,21133

806 units

Charlesmont

3000 Walford Drive,21222

565 units

The Commons at Whitemarsh

9901 Langs Rd.,21220

1,212 units

Cove Village

2 Driftwood Ct.,21221

299 units

Fontana Village

1 Orion Ct.,21237

356 units

Gwynn Oaks Landing

3101 Windsor Blvd.,21207

885 units

Harbor Point Estates

909 South Marilyn Ave., 21221

650 units

Whispering Woods

37 Alberge Lane,21220

524 units

THORNHILL GROUP

Carroll Island
227 Carroll Island Rd, 21220
156 units

Middleborough
1558 Alcombury Rd, 21221
96 apartments
133 townhomes

Middle Crest Townhomes
50 Hebron Drive, 21220
128 Townhomes

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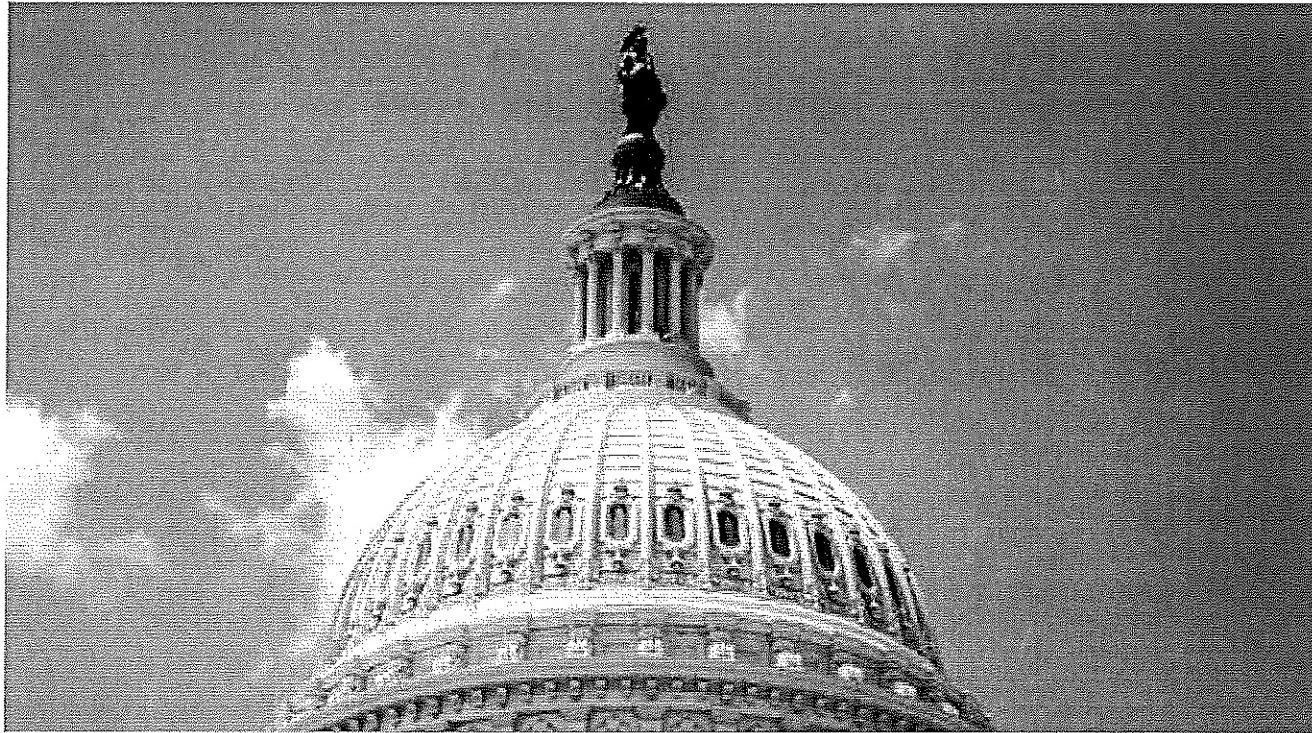
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Vacant storefronts registry created in NYC

This week the New York City Council approved legislation that requires owners of commercial storefronts and second-floor spaces to register with the city. [more >>](#)

Sales tax holiday weekends planned

States looking to provide tax relief to consumers while driving traffic to retailers are planning sales tax holidays throughout the country. [more >>](#)



ICSC and RHC host Women Mayors Leadership Alliance

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Subject: Baltimore Bloc

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Good morning you sent email to Baltimore Bloc. I'm the founding member. You seen me at Caryn York event and heard me Mic check crowd. You know I'm a member of Out for Justice.

I gave you my re-entry program at Manic Monday's. Ron Matz..That same program has been implemented by you and your wife. You and your wife have been denying me access to Grand Jury via her office and your seat in ANNAPOLIS. Senate Bill 374 Private Citizens access to Grand Jury.

I'm a Whistleblower on the Courts and the corruption behind Mass Incarceration via War on Drugs. We gonna End this where we started this. Your wife can't shield the corruption in Maryland's Democratic party any longer. She gonna have to answer my request before the Federal government forces her.

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 **Judge Bennett Whistle Blower Ethics in the Courts**

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From: Duane Davis <ddshortman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:48 PM
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